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Transmitted herewith for filing is the

- ☒ patent application of  
☐ continuation application of  
☐ continuation-in-part patent application of
- ☐ divisional application of  
☐ prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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For: DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID HYBRIDIZATION BY FLUORESCENCE POLARIZATION

- ☐ For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.
- ☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: USSN 60/203,723 filed May 12, 2000, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
- ☐ Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference for all purposes."

## Enclosed are:

- ☒ 47 pages of the description (including specification, claims and abstract)  
☒ 21 sheet(s) of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawing(s)  
☒ 01 abstract  
☒ 52 number of claims  
☐ an assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ a ☐ signed ☒ unsigned Declaration  
☒ Application Data Entry Sheet
- ☒ cover sheet  
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In view of the Unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f),  
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